

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

In re Patent Application of

Atty Dkt. SCS-540-522

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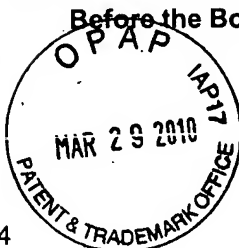
Title: A METHOD, TOOL AND SYSTEM FOR INCREASING THE EFFICIENCY OF A
DESIGN PROCESS

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☒ A reply brief is attached.

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